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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

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Prior to fee calculation and examination please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-15

Please add the following new claims.

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--16. A bleach or bleach/fixing solution for processing photographic silver halide materials which, relative to the silver halide content of the unprocessed material, exhibit prior to the bleaching step, a content of silver arising from development of at least 65 mol%, and the solution comprises at least one iron complex of propylenediaminetetraacetic acid or of β-alaninediacetic acid or a mixture thereof and the total concentration of said iron complexes in the solution is at least 0.045 and at most 0.25 mol/l.